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TO: Chair Gene Pelowski; Members of the Higher Education Committee

RE: Support for HF863 (Wolgamott); Tuition Relief Program for Students who Pursue a Degree in Law Enforcement

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) is the largest association representing police and peace officers in the State of Minnesota. We represent Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses.

The MPPOA supports HF863, legislation which would provide tuition relief for students pursuing a degree in law enforcement.

The bill would incentivize individuals to become peace officers at a time when Minnesota faces a critical shortage of officers. Along with additional retention measures, this will enhance the recruitment of new public safety officers into our profession.

The MPPOA wholeheartedly supports HF863, and we thank Representative Wolgamott and this committee for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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